

MS: PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: S. HONMA et al
Serial No. 09/606,050
Filed: June 29, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2153
Examiner: M. Winters
For: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA
NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA
IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

MS: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 17, 2003

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/606,050, filed on June 29, 2000, entitled COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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| Basic Fee | | | | | | | \$ 750.00 |
| Total Claims | 8 | - | 20 | = | 21 | x | 18 = 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | 84 = 0.00 |
| Total Filing Fee | | | | | | | \$ 750.00 |

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-one (21) sheets, Figs. 1-21.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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7. The prior application is assigned to HITACHI, LTD.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present divisional application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/606,050 as originally filed on June 29, 2000.


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